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The Scranton Free Kindergarten deserves more than the meagre support it receives in this city, It is a leavening influence, the value of which is but inadequately recognized. While in no sense deprecating the cause of foreign missions, it may be confidently stated that here at our doors is a foreign mission work so carefully systematized, so wisely planned that the money expended will bring a direct return in the civilizing ennobling influence upon those who are often a menace to law and order, Reaching the little children reaches the home life and with that comes the uplifted desires and ambitions that must surely react for good upon society in general. The board of control, now that the city is reasonably well supgreater service to the community than this great evangelizing and educational work for six years. It is high time they received the more enthusiastic assistance of not only the citizens in generous contributions but also the support of the organized school system.

### A Lesson from the Prize Ring.

After all, civilization veneers but does not modify the elemental passions. Just as all mankind evince an instinctive interest in a scandal so there is a chord in the common nature which responds to the keynote of cambativeness as sounded by any contest of brawn or skill, whether put forth on the ball field, the buttle field, in the court room or in the prize ring. We might wish that it were otherwise; we may lament that the brute in man does not more submissively acquiesce in the restraints of reason and conscience; but the fact will remain unaffected that enough of old Adam underlies the best of us to make a sad mess at times of civilization and morals.

Today at the Hague the wise men of the nations are in convention for the purpose of devitalizing war; but their work excites not a thousandth part of the interest created by the meeting of postponed owing to the sudden boom two bruisers in a ring, who battle for in real estate in that city. When the primacy in the despised but still popu- government officials began to look lar and perennial profession of pugil- about for a suitable site for the buildism. People do not sit up nights and ing, malarious marshes and arid goat pay special telegraphic tolls to hear, pastures became more valuable than detail by detail, what the diplomats at ground-floor Klondike claims. After a the peace congress are doing, but they few interviews with property owners. count no cost in their anxiety to receive the officials concluded that after ground attaching to the argument of Fitzsim- until money enough can be appropriatall classes and conditions of men, the learned as well as the unlearned, General Henderson and His Critics. churchmen and philosophers as well as knaves, ragamuffins and fools. Let us be honest enough with ourselves and with each other at least to acknowledge

The prize ring is revolting and it has been wisely banned; but the features of it which make it most objectionable are not the features most frequently offered in argument against it. It has been made odious by the fakes and frauds which have fastened themselves as barnacles upon it: it has been robbed of respectability by its perversion into a financial trap to invelgie the unwary. Its associations are vicious and its net results harmful: but the same may be said of almost anything degraded into a tool of knavery and deception. The morality of a clean, honest contest in the open where the best fighter wins is far superior to the morality of the sanctimonious hypocrite in the socalled respectable circle who "does" his friend in business or domestic relations by treachery and guile; and if society would take a lesson from the prize ring to discriminate in other walks of life between the stand-up, manly antagonists who fight fairly according to the rules of the game, taking their medicine without wincing, and the curs and sneaks who strike below the belt or otherwise employ tactics foul it would not be an unmixed evil.

The formation of the three million dollar pastry trust need cause no apprehension on part of the small or large boy who dotes on ple. The new syndicate will probably deal exclusively in the cottolene and highly glazed article of the bake shop. The home-made preparation of snowy hue that leaves lips and a burdensome feeling in one's less octopus.

### Naval Lessons.

Admiral Sampson's idea that our navy needs a larger proportion of fast cruisers of large coal-carrying capacity than of any other type-ships which attack and destroy before the enemy can bring his heavy armament into play-is certainly a justifiable deduction from the experiences of our late war, as any landsman can see. True, the Oregon, a heavy linc-of-battle warship, carried off the individual honors of that war; but she did this rather in her capacity as a cruiser than as a floating fort. Her big guns and her thick armor added nothing to her asserted efficiency, however much they might have helped in a pinch. Had she been constructed on the Brooklyn pattern, with copper-sheathed bottoms and a large complement of rapid fire shells struck a Spanish ship nor did slowly, cautiously, and safely; it is judgment of the people. But they will

Again, as the admiral points out, the war with Spain has changed the whole of having to plan, as formerly, simply defensive navy of heavy coast and harbor defense ships, we have now to protect outlying possessions, some of which carry us far out to sea, into the radius of foreign naval activities, We aust not only equip ourselves with SIXTEEN PAGES. harbor and coaling station facilities at remote distances from our mainland, so as to be able to hold our own with possible competitors long since provided with these strategic advantages, but we must also possess a fleet of ships of war giving us the power to determine where the theater of combat shall be. It is economy as well as satisfaction in war to hit first. The best defensive campaign is the one which puts the opponent on the defensive by tying up his strength before it can inflict damage. To accomplish this in a naval sense obviously necessitates a large fleet of powerful cruisers with superior speed and guns that simply smother an enemy's fire. What Dewey did at Manila we must be in shape to repeat at of opposition.

These lessons are apparent. It quires no technical skill to perceive them. They overspread the surface of plied with new buildings can do no recent events with the vividness of a searchlight at midnight. What, therefore, can be the meaning of the action lishing numerous free kindergartens in of the navy department in sacrificing every poor section of the city.  $\lambda$  speed in the plans of the six new small handful of people have nobly sustained cruisers authorized by the last congress? We learn from that Philadelphia Press that not in ten years has a single foreign navy designed a secondclass cruiser under eighteen knots and some have been nineteen knots plus Our vessels are to be but sixteen and one-half knots. They will be 'cruisers two knots slower than the Japanese Nanimo, now fifteen years old, and six knots slower than the Kasagi, launched a year ago on the Delaware. They will be three and one-fourth knots slower than the English Intrepid class, launched ten years before, and, of their size, three and one-half knots slower than the Diana, 5600 tons, which they would be expected to fight, and nearly three knots slower than the Arrogant and three and one-half knots slower that the new Hermes and her two consorts, just commissioned. Well may our contemporary ask, 'The American is faster in everything else; why should he be slower in his warships? Why go back to the speed of fifteen years ago? Why abandon all tactical advantages, and in a cruiser, too?"

It is a matter of regret that the construction of the proposed government building for Wilkes-Barre has been the latest bulletins from Coney Island. had been secured there would be Disarmament and arbitration pass enough of the appropriation left peramong the masses as empty words, but haps to erect a shelter tent on the plot. there is a grim substantiality of interest. They have therefore concluded to wait mons with Jeffries, which grips hold of ed to build something more substantial.

voted on the motion to appropriate \$50,000,000 for the national defense, General Henderson predicted that there would be no war and added: "In this republic our great aim should be for peace. The truest patriot is he who secures and keeps peace for his people. It is easy to be an animal, It is easy to use claws and teeth, and to fight. He who can hold aloft in his country the white flag of peace, not of cowardice, rises nearer to his God." But events undid this prophecy and on April 28 General Hender-

son said: be no war. I find that I was a very parent of the expression of that hour. times we most resort to the habits of brutes. I speak, perhaps, severely, because I feel keenly on this subject. I despise war, and my hope is that the time will come, though not in my day, when intellect and conscience shall be the arbitrators of differences bethe lingering flavor of hog fat upon the tween nations and men. But it is not so now. The locks upon our doors bosom can never be cornered by a soul- and gates tell us that the time has not yet come, but gentlemen, it should be the aim of mankind to reach that time. But when our peace-loving chief executive finds justification for unfurling the stag of battle, I yield my convictions, and say amen, and the time for action, for battle, has come. can get to an enemy the soonest and In this trouble, in which we are, let there not be one copperhead in the republic. Now that the 'dogs of war' are let slip. I shall bring my brain, and heart, and energy, to the support of the flag of my country." These

words require no apology. When the question of army reorganizution arose last January General Henderson opposed increasing the regular force to 100,000 men, holding that such increase was unnecessary; but his position was one to which no honest man could object. Said he: "I harmony in action by the best citizenhave faith in the president, I would have faith in any president. Republican or Democrat, on that question, surbatteries, her efficiency would have rounded by the people that govern in been perceptibly greater under the con- this country. But if you raise the ditions of the Santiago naval cam- standard it is hard to lower it. Plant paign. It was her speed and her an army of 100,000 regulars in this secondary batteries which did the country, and it will be no easy task business; not one of her thirteen-inch to reduce it. I would rather move

down, and, once established, there a great standing army." It will be character of our naval needs. Instead | remembered that before the session ended congress and president both came around to General Henderson's way of thinking.

On the subject of the Philippines General Henderson was equally conservative, but not hostile either to the president or to his party. Speaking in the house prior to the ratification of the treaty of peace, he said: "The president, from start to finish, has wisely, calm'y, patriotically, bravely carried the taighty problems of the country in his great heart and greater brain-not for a political party, but for his country and his countrymen. When at war with Spain it was the duty of the commander-in-chief to attack the enemy where he could hit and hurt. He struck him in the Philippines, and the echo of the blow will ring through coming ages. That blow found the Filipinos struggling uselessly and valuwith Spain, which had held sover-

eignty there for centuries. This country striking that blow and taking the great city and the great bay-had i any one of a hundred possible centers | not at once thereby responsibilities and duties? Until that treaty is ratified the president must hold by arms what we have taken until the sovereignity of Spain is legally removed. What may be in the brain of the president if the treaty is ratified. I know not. For one. it is enough for me to know what my duty is. I interrogate myself, and I say that while I can not tell yet what my duty may be (for I don't know what the real conditions are there or what those people want or need), I frankly say to this house and to my country that I have the gravest doubts of the isdom of this country taking the Philippine islands to govern them as United States territory. I have grave loubts of that question. Eliminating every moral question, and looking at from the standpoint of a member of this American family, who must weigh the expenses and the responsibilities that he is about to assume-if our ask me would I force a governent upon the F lipinos against their will, I answer, no! That is my judgent. But when the time comes to ettle that question (it is not here now) must know what my duty to my untry is, and I can not tell that withut knowing the condition of the Filidoes and what they need and what

We have in these words the sum of he next speaker's alleged offending. Is criticism just? Is the spirit of caution and calm deliberation, the spirit of reserve until in possession of all the facts, one unbecoming in a man in the shadow of the great office of speaker of congress-the office that in power and responsibility is hardly second to the presidency itself? General Henderson has not been hurried by surface waves of sentiment, but he has moved with the broad current of sober public opinion. He will check caprice and emotionalism, but he will not obstruct the real will of the people.

An interesting innovation in police vork has been instituted in northern Indiana, where twenty-six cities and towns have leagued together for the ion of criminals and in the suppression f crime. The mayors and chiefs of police of these municipalities have agreed to work together under uniform Complaint has been uttered against rules, and to interchange views and General Henderson's probable election opinions, so that fugitives from justice as speaker on the ground that he was may be the more expeditiously appreopposed to the war with Spain and hended, without recourse to special ofat variance with the administration's fers of reward. Eventually the conpolicy respecting the Philippines. The federation will be extended over the facts of record do not sustain this com- entire state. The idea seems feasible plaint, When, on March 8, 1898, he and its introduction elsewhere is recommended.

## Mark Hanna Replies to a Clerical Critic

From the Troy Times. NITED States Senator Hanna was among the speakers at the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Cleveland recently, and in the course of his remarks he said some good words for good government and "Some weeks ago, when we were dis- good politics. Just before, Rabbi Greis, cussing the proposition of war, I pre- a prominent elergyman of the city and dicted with emphasis that there would a worker in the good citizenship movement, had made an address in which poor prophet, and that my own con- he rather severely scored political leadvictions and hopes were largely the ers, holding them accountable for many abuses, and urging citizens generally to take a more active part in politics. No one in this body has regretted more | Senator Hanna said he agreed with than I the condition in which the coun- Rabbi Greis as to the duty of Ameritry now finds itself. I have a con- cans to give more attention to their tempt for myself when I find the anis responsibilities as citizens, and he addmal in me dominating my actions. We ed: "If municipal, state and national are animals as well as men, and while affairs are not as we would have them, living among animals I suppose at it is our own fault. If a man takes a prominent part in public affairs, whose fault is it? The fault of the men who won't stand shoulder to shoulder with him and help him do that work. If a man has the ambition to do right and do good by his fellow men, and is willing to neglect his business and devote his time to those interests, is it right, because he is willing to lead and none will follow, that that isolation shall brand him a boss? All men are more or less selfish. I confess to inheriting my share of it from Mother Eve. But I claim that a man who has the nerve and the courage to run the risk of being called a politician, who will step out and devote the time and energy and what capabilities he is endowed with to benefiting his fellow men in city, state or nation, is entitled to the support of his kind."

There is plain common sense in this sort of talk, and it should have a good effect on those to whom it is addressed. It is a part of good citizenship to work and vote for good government. There would be little bad government if good citizens united to prevent it. country like this, where all citizens are qual before the law and at the ballot box, the people have in their own hands a remedy for every serious political To heights of philosophy's lore, evil. It needs only union in spirit and But here at your feet I am kneeling, ship to prevent grave wrong by officials who are the servants of the people There must be leadership and organization in politics as in everything else to assure success. The most trivial of undertakings cannot be carried through without some preliminary planning and effort. Parties are no exception to the rule. Political principles may be sound and acceptable, appealing to the best

one Spanish shell strike her heavy ar- casier to increase than it is to cut not go into effect of themselves. There must be behind them the motive power will be many interested in keeping up of party with its leadership and hard labor. The men who devote themselves to promoting the cause of their party, if its principles are worthy and they are acting upon conviction and are thoroughly sincere, are doing a patriotic and commendable work.

There must be leadership as well as a rank and file, and the leadership will as a rule be what the rank and file desire, for in a republic like this the majority rules, and the party organization is what the party as a whole reates. To decry party organization and leadership, therefore, is to asperse the American principle of government, The better way is to do one's duty in the party of one's choice, helping to secure wise and honest leadership and concentrating effort in behalf of sound principles. The man who stands aloof and criticises and growls and grumbles instead of turning in and doing his share of the work does not prove himself the best friend of good government,

### BIBLE ACROSTICS.

Editor of The Tribune. Sir:-Acrostics are not by any means the result of modern ingenuity. No have they been always confined to seen ar subjects. The one hundred and nine teenth Pealm is an acrostic containing each repeated eight times. The thirty-seventh Psalm is an acrostic, the consec-utive stanzas beginning with the consecutive letters of the Hebrew Alphabet. The one hundred and forty-fifth Psalm is the same, every other line beginning the The thirty-first chapter of Proerbs has every other line beginning the ame way. The one hundred and leventh Psalm has every line beginning the same way. All these acrostic poems have been translated by Dr. John P. Peters, of New York, so as to show in English this acrostic character.

Following are two of these acrostics he one hundred and eleventh and the me hundred and forty-lifth Psalms thich he has called the first and second lphabetic praise songs:

FIRST ALPHABETIC PRAISE SONG. Alleluia! I thank Jehovah with all my Both in the council of upright and in the

congregation. Chiefest are Jehovah's deeds, Desired of all that love them; Excellent majesty His work; For his righteousness abidein ever. Gracious and marciful is Jehovah; His wonders hath made remembered. Jehovah gave his fearers food, Keepeth His covenant ever, Letteth His people know His might;

Maketh nations to be their heritage. Never falling all His precepts-Of His hands come truth and justice-Precepts established forever, Quintessence of truth and right. Redemption bath he seat his people, Stablished His covenant forever; errible and holy is His name ery wise are they that serve Him; Wisdom beginneth with Jehovah's fear; Yea, His praise abideth ever.

SECOND ALPHABETIC PRAISE SONG Alway would I extol, My God, O King, And bless Thy name forever; Bless Thee every day.

And praise Thy name forever. Constantly should Jehovah be praised, Who is great; unsearchable His greatness. Sown the ages shall they land Thy deeds And declare thine acts of prowess, Ever will I muse upon Thy wondrous

works. The glorious majesty of thine honor; For we shall tell of thine awful might; And I will recount thy greatness Great is thy go dness; its memory shall

they utter, And of thy righteousness shall they How gracious and merciful is Jehovah, Slow to anger and of great love!

Ichovah is good to all. And his mercies over all His work Know all the works The praise, Jehovah, And bless thee the saints; Let them tell the glory of The kingdom. Making known His prowers to the sons

And the glorious majesty of His king-Prostrate ones Jehovah raiseth; He supporteth all that fall.

Raised are the eyes of all to Thee And Thou givest them food in its sea-

Stretchest forth thine hand, And satest the desire of all creatures. The Lord is righteous in all His ways. And loving in all His works Unto all that call upon Him Jehovah I nigh. Unto all that call upon Him faithfully

What his fearers wish He dooth; Their cry He heareth and saveth them. Yea, Jehovah keepeth all that love Him; But all the wicked He destroyeth. Zealously will I tell Jehovah's praise; Let all bless His holy name forever, -F. S. Ballentine,

### WOULD BE WELCOME NEWS.

If it shall turn out that the gentlemen who signed the petition which enabled W. S. Langstaff to begin the contest of election of Treasurer M. J. Kelly, are ponsible for the cost of the contest in case Mr. Kelly proves his right to the office, which he undoubtedly will, it will be an end to the foolish, extravagant and uncalled for expense to which the taxpayers of the county are put at he will of a defeated candidate, and will end the outrage of an honestly elected official being annoyed, badgered and sometimes euchered out of the place to which the people elected him. If the parties who institute the contests pay the fiddler, we may be sure that after the first dose there will be few contests without very good cause. Taxpayers in addition to the cost of centests imposed, who were born in the country, paid taxes and voted without challenge for twenty-five years, are dragged to court in the election contests, and their honor and honesty impugned, in the hope by the contestant that through some tech-nicality the vote of said citizen may be thrown out. It would be very welcome news to the taxpayers in general if the Vaughan bill relating to election con-tests passed by the late legislature should cover the Kelly-Langstaff affair, and by placing the costs on the petitioners put ouletus on election contests where there are no good cause for action.

### THE SWEET GRADUATE.

Sweet vision of ruffles and laces-Complexion of roses and cream-The essence of all the three graces, The idel of art's fondest dream. I'll take all your learning for granted; Just toss all your books on the shelf; Come down from the clouds, maid en-Sweet graduate be but yourself,

I know it is much I am asking: You'd rather your mind would still

moar-While you're at the Sage's feet basking-Beseeching with true lover's art. Has knowledge deprived you of feeling? Cut the Sage; he hasn't a heart.

Nay, malden, I honor your learning; It's really before that I pall; Yet has it not stifled the yearning I feel, knowing nothing at all? And learning does not ill become you; Still, fain would I brush it aside, And have you, sweet grad., push it from

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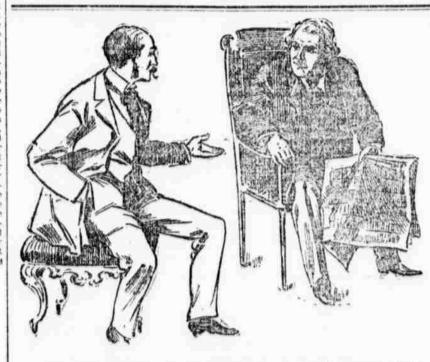
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